



Alternative Space Pilot Project Call for Artists

Mayor Walsh, AT&T, and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture invite artists and arts groups to submit their proposal for the use of space within the AT&T Boylston flagship store for small group or individual music rehearsals. The selected artists or group will enter into an agreement with the AT&T Boylston store for free rehearsal space according to the space availability and requirements stated below. This Call for Artists is for free rehearsal space only and does not come with any funding.

Apply online at <https://www.boston.gov/arts-and-culture/alternative-space-pilot-project>

Call for Artists Timeline

Released: Thursday, November 10, 2016

Deadline to submit proposals: 5:00 pm Friday, December 9, 2016

Artists/Organizations selected: January 2017

Who should apply / Eligibility

This call is open to individual artists, non profits, and artist groups. You do not need to be a non profit organization to apply. Boston residency is preferred.

Space Description and Requirements

- *Space:* The available space is on the second floor of the AT&T store at 699 Boylston Street in Boston MA. There is room for up to 4 people, and chairs will be provided. Electrical outlets are not available.
- *Hours:* The space will be available for one three-hour block of time per week during store hours (10am - 8pm Monday through Saturday and 11am - 6pm on Sunday). For example, the space could be available from 3 - 6pm every Sunday.
- *Storage:* There is a small amount of space to leave music stands or other small equipment. Storage space is not secured, but is private and off the sales floor.
- *Site visit:* We encourage interested applicants to see the space firsthand. The AT&T store is open to the public during business hours (10am - 8pm Monday through Saturday and 11am - 6pm on Sunday).
- The space is ideal for small musical groups that do not require amplification.

Project Background

In June 2016, the City of Boston issued Boston Creates, the city's cultural plan. The Alternative Space Pilot Project was announced as one of the first implementation steps, responding to the lack of affordable rehearsal and work space for artists. This program will make use of underutilized private space as rehearsal space for arts organizations and artists.

The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will help match arts organizations and artists to the available spaces for rehearsals on a regular basis, for a minimum of a one-year commitment.

Artist Selection and Process

Applications will be reviewed by the selection committee, based on the evaluation criteria below. Once an artist or group is selected, a rehearsal schedule and space details will be finalized through a signed agreement between the artist(s) and AT&T. The artist(s) will have access to the space for one year from signing. The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will serve as a resource throughout the year to both AT&T and the selected artist(s). Periodic check-ins may be scheduled with all three parties as needed.

Selection Committee

Nurys Camargo, AT&T

Scott Wheeler, Composer

Mark Kates, Fenway Recordings

Evaluation Criteria

1. Space match - is the applicant a good fit for the store and the available space?
2. Expression of need - does the applicant sufficiently demonstrate a space need?
3. History of presenting or working in Boston - does the applicant demonstrate a history of sharing artistic work with the public and contributing to the arts and culture sector in Boston?

Application Checklist

- Contact information for group or individuals using the space:
- Application narrative:
 - Artist/Group/Organization description and background.
 - Description of your artistic practice space needs.
 - Description of how you will use the space at AT&T.
 - Description of how you have shared your work with the public in the past, including how your practice has engaged residents, venues, organizations, etc, within the City of Boston.
- Artist CV or resume for everyone using the space, or links to artist's individual websites.
- Work samples:
 - Including images, video, MP3s, or other files that show evidence of your artistic practice. This may include video of a performance, images of artwork, press clippings, recordings, handbills, etc.

Questions? Contact:

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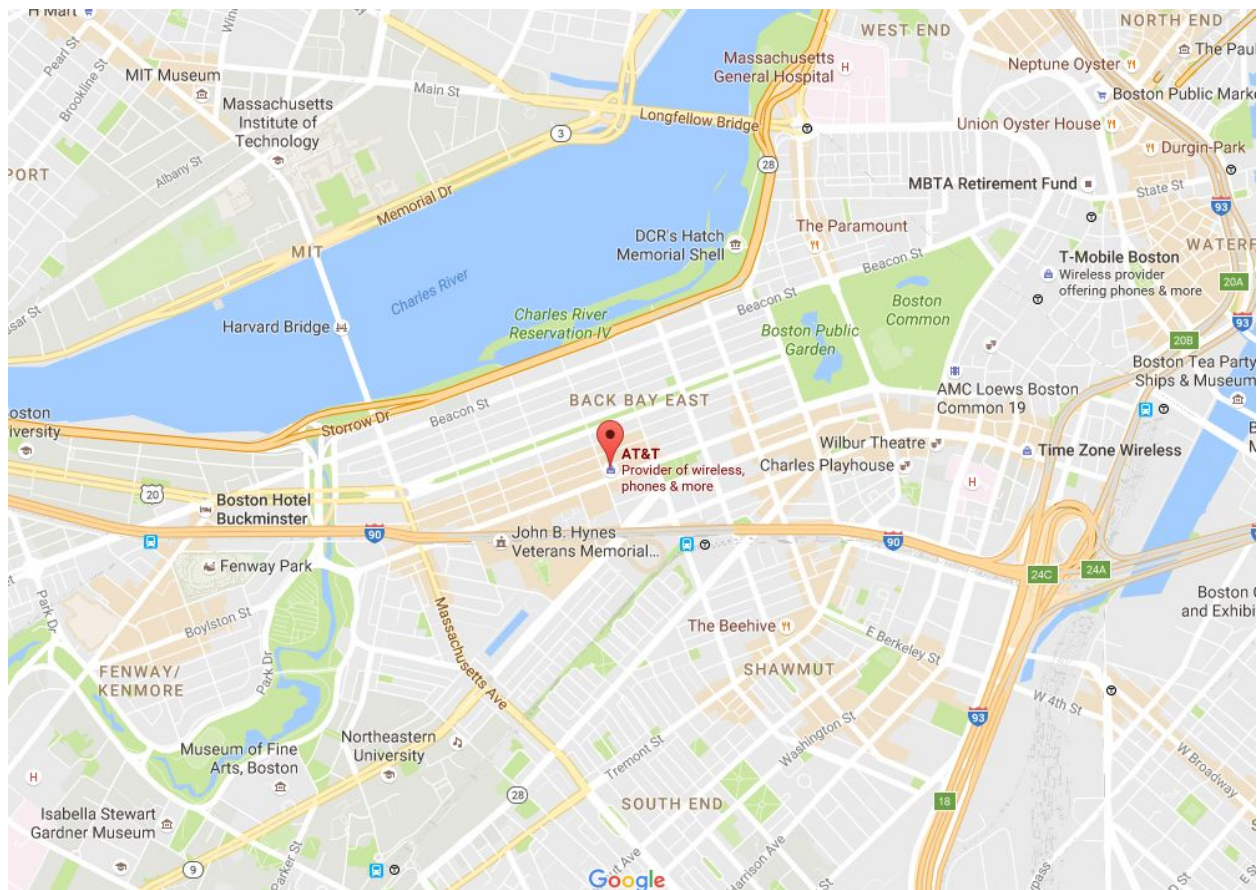


Image 1: Map of AT&T store location



BOSTON, MA - 699 BOYLSTON STREET
LEVEL 2

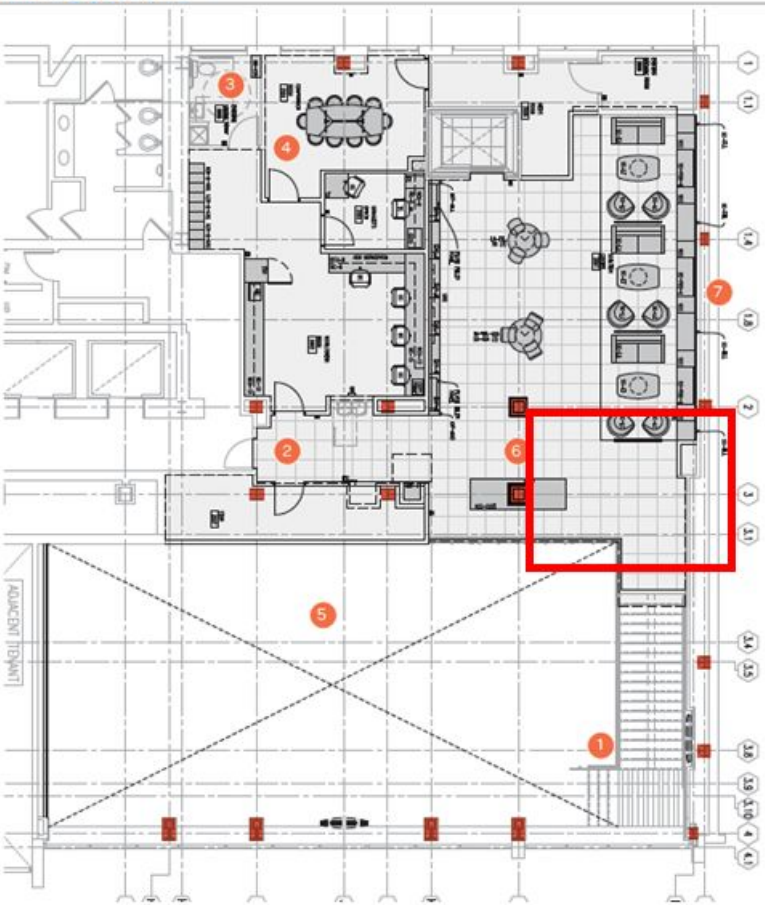


Image 2: Rendering and floor plan of AT&T store. Available space is shown in the red box.